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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are in response to the Examiner's Office

Action mailed July 3, 2002.

## AMENDMENTS

### IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Please delete lines 12-16 on page 3 and substitute the following:

Figure 1 is a side elevation view of a vinyl siding panel having significantly curved rows.

Figure 2 is a side elevation view of one embodiment of a vinyl siding panel of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a side elevation view of one embodiment of a calibrator of the present invention.

Figure 4 is a side elevation view of one embodiment of a vinyl siding panel of the present invention that includes a reinforcement panel.

### IN THE DESCRIPTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20, as follows:

B) If desired, a reinforcement panel may be secured to, or positioned behind, the inner surface of the vinyl siding panel **20**. For example, a foam reinforcement panel may be secured to the inner surface of the vinyl siding panel **20** by an adhesive. The reinforcement panel may tend to further straighten out rows **22, 24, 26** of the vinyl siding panel **20**. Nevertheless, it should be recognized that the dimensions of the planar portion(s) discussed above are taken prior to the application of a reinforcement panel or any other straightening means. Figure **4** shows an exemplary embodiment in which a reinforcement panel **90** is secured to the vinyl siding.